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25X1A9a MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ] CIA Member, IHC  
25X1A9a THROUGH: [ ] DDI Member, IP Board  
SUBJECT: Content Control Code

1. Attached are three copies of a CRS paper on the Content Control Code in response to [ ] request for CRS views <sup>25X1A9a</sup> on Item 8 of the IHC agenda for the meeting of 24 June. This item concerns NSA's 9 June memorandum (Serial: N 0509), and it makes recommendations on the Content Control Code for IHC consideration.

2. Paragraph 4 of NSA's paper contains three recommendations:

a. Immediate release by CIA of its CCC test findings.

The attached paper is a response.

b. Reactivate OPTEG for an inter-Agency evaluation of CCC.

CRS does not have resources to participate at this time in additional evaluations of CCC beyond those described in Paragraph 4 of the attached paper. CRS would, however, welcome the assignment of qualified personnel by other IHC members to participate in any of the studies listed. (Observers are not welcome; working participants are most welcome.) CRS suggests that such participation might be more effective than the establishment of a new committee which would have an uncertain path to a very general goal.

c. Select one target complex, e.g., Cuba, for CCC coding of all related intelligence targets...

The attached CRS paper makes it very clear that CRS believes that the CCC or a similar device is essential to early, efficient and economical machine-assisted dissemination and possibly to the beginning

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in CRS of machine-assisted indexing in CRS. CRS supports, consequently, use of CCC by other reporting facilities. CRS would, however, prefer a country in which there is presently U.S. representation and a broader band of reporting facilities [redacted] CRS also notes that there are a vast array of steps between initiation of the use of the CCC by a field post and CRS ability to test the validity and utility of the CCC for dissemination of indexing. Even a "cameo" test, consequently, will be time-consuming and expensive, and it will not be possible to initiate such a test in the very near future.

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